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For: **ROUTING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Application" on page 1, lines 1-11, and insert  
therein a new Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications as follows:--

## **CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus that Utilizes Diagonal Routes," filed on

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